

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 84

Condemning violence and criminality by the Irish Republican Army in
Northern Ireland.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 17, 2005

Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. DODD, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. GREGG) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Condemning violence and criminality by the Irish Republican
Army in Northern Ireland.

Whereas on January 30, 2005, a Catholic citizen of Belfast, Northern Ireland, Robert McCartney, was brutally murdered by members of the Irish Republican Army, who attempted to cover-up the crime and ordered all witnesses to be silent about the involvement of Irish Republican Army members;

Whereas the sisters of Robert McCartney, Catherine McCartney, Paula Arnold, Gemma McMacken, Claire McCartney, and Donna Mary McCartney, and his fiancée, Bridgeen Karen Hagans, refused to accept the code of silence and have bravely challenged the Irish Re-

publican Army by demanding justice for the murder of Robert McCartney;

Whereas when outcry over the murder increased, the Irish Republican Army expelled 3 members, and 7 members of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the Irish Republican Army, were suspended from the party;

Whereas the leadership of Sinn Fein has called for justice, but has not called on those responsible for the murder or any of those who witnessed the murder to cooperate directly with the Police Service of Northern Ireland;

Whereas on March 8, 2005, the Irish Republican Army issued an outrageous statement in which it said it “was willing to shoot the killers of Robert McCartney”; and

Whereas peace and violence cannot coexist in Northern Ireland: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That—

2 (1) the Senate joins the people of the United
3 States in deploring and condemning violence and
4 criminality by the Irish Republican Army in North-
5 ern Ireland; and

6 (2) it is the sense of the Senate that—

7 (A) the sisters and fiancée of Robert
8 McCartney deserve the full support of the
9 United States in their pursuit of justice;

10 (B) the leadership of Sinn Fein should in-
11 sist that those responsible for the murder and
12 witnesses to the murder cooperate directly with
13 the Police Service of Northern Ireland and be

1 protected fully from any retaliation by the Irish
2 Republican Army; and

3 (C) the Government of the United States
4 should offer all appropriate assistance to law
5 enforcement authorities in Northern Ireland to
6 see that the murderers of Robert McCartney
7 are brought to justice.

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